

The Chair, Lloyd Sullivan at 7:00pm called the regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting to order. Those present included Jack Steiner and Jenifer Landman (Selectmen), and Russell McAllister (Town Administrator).

Questions & Comments

The Chair opened the meeting by making a statement regarding the current dispute between the Board members over the ex officio status of the Selectmen's representative to the planning Board. It was explained that a court would decide the issue on April 19th. Therefore, the Board would not entertain comments on the topic during the meeting.

Mr. Sullivan noted that compost bins similar to those offered by Rye and Portsmouth was available to North Hampton residents by calling Eva Christense prior to April 22nd at 422-0806. Mr. Sullivan complimented Brenda DeFelice (Recreation Director) on that past Saturday's Easter egg hunt. It was well attended and a great success.

Mr. Landman briefed the Board about the status of the Route 111 Bicycle lane. He noted that the project had been pushed back on the tip to 2008 and was now 13th on the TIP. The project involved mainly re-striping. Mr. Steiner asked about the width of the road. Mr. Landman replied that he had not yet seen a design layout and noted that he had just been nominated as the RPC treasurer. Mr. Landman next briefed the Board on the status of recent PUC inquiry of "investigation of congestion" and their ruling that will increase the distance from CO for DSL. Mr. Harned noted that the New England Golf Club would soon begin their pump tests as well as monitor surrounding wells in an effort to gauge the impact of their water withdrawals on other wells. Mr. Harned thought it a good idea to hire Thomas Ballesterio (consulting hydrologist) to review the testing data.

Mosquito Control Program - Michael Morrison

Mr. Morrison of *Municipal Pest Management Services* explained the mosquito control program to those in attendance. He described the program as comprising two components. One of those components was the delineation of mosquito habit associated with *Culex Pipiens*, the species of mosquito known to be vectoring West Nile Virus. The second component of the program was the actual larviciding. Mr. Morrison explained that *Culex Pipiens* mosquitoes primarily bite birds. Birds are the reservoir for West Nile virus and mosquitoes biting an infected bird became the vectors, which transmitted the disease to their eggs and to other organism after becoming infected. Mr. Morrison also explained that *Culex Pipiens* mosquitoes had a limited flight range between 1,000 to 1,500 feet. The mosquitoes limited flight range would in the early stages of the program determine where to first apply the larvicide. The preferred habitat of *Culex Pipiens* mosquitoes was in stagnant pools of water and in Red Maple swamps. Therefore, initial larviciding would commence in those neighborhoods that were within 1,500 to 2,000 feet of the preferred habitat. Mr. Morrison noted that the larvicide he would be applying was called Vectobac that contained a bacterium (living organism) that was ingested by the mosquito larvae. Once the bacterium was ingested into the gut of the larvicide it prevented the uptake of nutrients and the larvicide died. The program was scheduled to begin within the week.

Larry Miller - CANCELLED

Heritage Commission

Historic Structures

Ms. Jane Palmer of the Heritage Commission noted that there was a problem of notifying the Heritage Commission about structures that were slated for demolition. The Commission was keenly interested in collecting samples of wallpaper, memorabilia and other items significant historic interest. Mr. Charron explained that the notification process associated with demolition permits now included a notification for

the Heritage Commission. A discussion ensued regarding the NH Charitable Foundation and their annual grant to the Town. Mr. Steiner explained that the grant originated from the Hobbs family who had donated money to the Charitable Foundation for the specific use of maintaining the Town Common (Bandstand) and clock in the Town Hall.

Selectmen Issues

The TA explained that the recent conflict between members of the Board over what the length of term for an ex officio member was and who would serve in that position on the planning board. Both Mr. Sullivan and Ms. Landman had each retained the service of an attorney to represent their opinion. Mr. Sullivan was in the process of suing the Town and seeking resolution to the conflict through the courts by asking for a declaratory judgement on the matter. Because the Town was being sued legal representation for the Town was necessary. Complicating the issue was the fact that Mr. Sullivan, individually, had received an opinion from town counsel (John Ryan) which supported his position. The Town Attorney's opinion on the issue was contrary to the belief held by the two other board members. Ms. Landman believed that it would represent a conflict of interest on the part of John Ryan, who had rendered an earlier opinion supportive of Mr. Sullivan's position, to now adequately represent the interests of the Town. Therefore, it was suggested that the Board approve the hiring of Peter Loughlin as special town counsel for this case. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to appoint Peter Loughlin as special town counsel to represent the interests of the Town of North Hampton in the dispute between members of the Town's Board of Selectmen over the length of term of the ex officio member from the Board of Selectmen serving on the Planning Board. Mr. Steiner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Ms. Landman asked about the request of cable contracts from surrounding Town's. The TA said there were quite a few in the office and that now only needed copying. Ms. Landman pointed out that the current bond amount of \$10,000 was very low. Mr. Sullivan noted that he had contacted Tim Gage, Government Affairs of AT&T regarding televised meetings of Town Board meetings with delayed broadcasting and that such an arrangement might be possible.

Ms. Landman also asked that Michael Morrison submit his certificate of insurance. The TA agreed to get a copy.

Administration/Business

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to accept the regular and non-public minutes of March 12th, 2001. Mr. Steiner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

- a. Minutes - March 26th, 2001
- b. Payroll
- c. Manifest
- d. ZBA Appointment (Chuck Gordon)
- e. Mosquito Control Contract - Municipal Pest Management Services, Inc.
- f. Assessing Contract - Vision Appraisal
- g. Architectural Services Contract - Upstairs renovation
- h. Executive Council Newsletter
- i. Rockingham County Nursing Home - Admissions Pending
- j. Heritage commission resignation (Ms. Landman)
- k. PD - Oral Boards for Sergeants position.
- l. EPA Storm Water Management workshop - Chicopee, MA tomorrow.
- m. Abatement request - Henry Fuller

Selectmen's Minutes
9 April 2001
7:00pm

The Board reviewed an abatement request by Mr. Fuller, but decided to table the request until the next meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board the public meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00pm. Mr. Steiner made the motion to convene in non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) to discuss personnel issues. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister
Town Administrator